

Paula Cole "El Greco"

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I'm black on blacker velvet, milk skin and veins
Like some El Greco painting, so full of pain
So full of longing for light of day

I thought I knew who I was in the world
But here I am twice blind at being born
Crawling to my buried voice within

And I've forgotten who I used to be
And I've forgotten the woman in red, living her dream
And I've forgotten the courage I used to be

Happiness is overrated, it never lasts
Skating the surface of oceanic depths
Oh, may the fruit of my life be meaning

So please forgive me all my seriousness
My so-called spirituality, I'm just a mess
I'm tears and anxiety but I'm unafraid to see

And I've forgotten who I used to be
The leader in her glory shining, divining
And I've forgotten the courage I used to be
The middle passage is so damn tumbling, persona
crumbling

Don't know, I don't know, I don't know, I don't know
I don't know, I don't know, I don't know, I don't know
And I try, and I try, and I try, and I try
And I try, and I try, and I try

I don't know, I don't know, I don't know, I don't know
I don't know, I don't know, I don't know, I don't know
And I try, and I try, and I try, and I try
And I try

Like some El Greco painting, no sun or sky
No lantern, no candle needed to light
The holy radiance behind the eyes

And I've forgotten who I used to be
And I've forgotten that woman in red, living her dream

And I've forgotten the courage I used to be

I don't know, I don't know, I don't know, I don't know
I don't know, I don't know, I don't know
And I try, and I try, and I try, and I try
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